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**Request  
For  
Continued Examination (RCE)  
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Application Number 09/748,710

Filing Date December 22, 2000

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Art Unit 1637

Examiner Name Joyce Tung

Attorney Docket Number 27373/39055B

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

- a. ☒ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- ii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iv. ☒ Other Return Receipt Postcard

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 860.00 enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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Reply under 37 CFR 1.116  
Expedited Procedure  
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PATENT

Attorney Docket No.: 27373/39055B

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Wang *et al.*

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For: METHOD FOR GENERATION  
OF LONGER cDNA FRAGMENTS  
FROM SAGE TAGS FOR GENE  
IDENTIFICATION

Group Art Unit: 1637

Examiner: Joyce Tung

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**APPLICANTS' REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

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Sir:

In an Office Action mailed November 19, 2003, the Examiner rejected claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over van den Berg *et al.*, Nucl. Acids Res. 27:I-III, 1997 in combination with various secondary references, and under §112, second paragraph. In view of the amendments and remarks made herein, reconsideration is respectfully requested. This response is timely filed. Should any fees be deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this document, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees, or credit any overpayment, to Marshall, Gerstein and Borun deposit account number 13-2855.

**Amendments to the specification.** There are no amendments to the specification.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the complete listing of claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.